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<b>Western Region</b>						
Goa	470	36.35	545	45.05	719	85.33
Gujarat	2612	835.63	3978	728.21	3082	169.52
Madhya Pradesh	1284	128.90	2731	198.03	3410	169.53
Maharashtra	9486	666.10	10659	1039.73	9281	1144.08
Dadara & Nagar Haveli	6	1.30	15	5.29	0	6.43
Daman & Diu	31	3.55	15	8.99	11	6.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>13889</b>	<b>1671.83</b>	<b>17943</b>	<b>2025.30</b>	<b>16511</b>	<b>2036.22</b>
<b>Southern Region</b>						
Andhra Pradesh	3202	201.33	5851	301.75	7405	316.82
Karnataka	16569	352.19	15445	574.78	18478	673.26
Kerala	8373	163.91	9146	233.09	11747	320.99
Tamil Nadu	5335	592.22	10183	792.97	10081	894.35
Laksh Dweep	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Pondy cherry	93	6.87	136	8.13	178	12.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>33572</b>	<b>1316.52</b>	<b>40761</b>	<b>1910.72</b>	<b>47890</b>	<b>2217.42</b>
<b>Total*</b>	<b>56272</b>	<b>4600.27</b>	<b>79107</b>	<b>5976.66</b>	<b>85761</b>	<b>6404.71</b>

\*Excludes Line of Credit (LOC) to NSIC, LOC for OTCEI operations, Venture Capital Assistance to Institutions, Assistance to Factoring Companies & Assistance under Promotion and development.

#### Loan to States

596. SHRI R.B. RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC) has asked the Central Government for special economic package;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the total amount of special Central Assistance allocated/released to D.G.H.C. since its formation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Planning Commission, Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council have requested for one time grant of Rs. 60 crores and suitable enhancement under HADP for various development schemes of DGHC particularly covering basic infrastructure.

(c) and (d) Special Central Assistance under hill Area Development Programme is provided for designated hill

areas under which major portions of Darjeeling district are covered. The share of each constituent State under HADP is decided according to the distribution formula. Thus, assistance under HADP cannot be increased for one State without corresponding increases in other States. However, during the Eighth Plan, Rs. 4.67 crores have been made available to the Government of West Bengal during each year of the Plan, thus making available an amount of Rs. 28.35 crores to the Government of West Bengal for Hill areas of Darjeeling, over and above West Bengal's entitlements under HADP. This practise is being continued during IXth Five Year Plan also.

Special problem of Darjeeling Hill Area have been given special consideration by the Planning Commission and therefore, in addition to above, an amount of Rs. 3.117 crore was made available for improvement of water supply in municipal areas of Darjeeling district during 1994-95 and 1995-96. Also, an amount of Rs. 13.04 lakhs was released to Government of West Bengal for Darjeeling hill areas under surveys and study for the following programmes.

(i) Comprehensive survey of current status of the source of pollution and other threats posed to the preservation of the natural lake systems of Sanchal and Mirik

by Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council.

(II) Comprehensive Health and Beneficiary Needs assessment survey in Hill areas under Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council.

#### **Closure of Small Scale Industrial Units**

597. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRYIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether about two lakh small scale industrial units have threatened to close their establishments indefinitely;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Appointment/Transfer of Judges**

598. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA:

SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:

SHRI MUNNI LAL:

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN:

SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW and JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing procedure for the appointment/transfer of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) whether the Government have taken any decision to introduce an amendment Bill to give the executive final say in the appointment and transfer of Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts;

(c) if so, the time by which the legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether the Government have decided that till legislation is introduced, the present rule will prevail;

(e) whether the Government have received any representation against it; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The appointments of Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts are made in accordance with Article 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India respectively. Following the majority judgement of a 9 member bench of the Supreme Court on 6.10.1993, the Memorandum of Procedure for appointment of Judges was revised. According

to the revised procedure, the proposal for appointment of a Judge in the High Court should be initiated by the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court. In respect of appointment of Judges in Supreme Court and Chief Justices of High Courts and transfer of Chief Justices and Judges of High Court, the proposals are to be initiated by Chief Justice of India. Prior to 1993 judgement, proposals could be initiated by Government also.

(b) The Government decided to introduce a Constitution Amendment Bill in Parliament to make changes in the existing system of appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court, Chief Justices of the High Courts, Judges of the High Courts and transfer of Judges of the High Courts. The Government felt it necessary to amend the Constitution to reiterate and spell out the intent of the framers of the Constitution clearly and unambiguously with a view to keep it beyond the pale of any controversy. Accordingly, the Constitution (Eighty-Second Amendment) Bill, 1997 was circulated to members of the Lok Sabha in March, 1997.

(c) No time frame can be stipulated at this stage.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) The proposed Amendment Bill has elicited mixed response from members of Parliament, legal and Constitutional experts and media.

[Translation]

#### **Financial Assistance to India Trade Organisation**

599. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VARMA:

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to India Trade Organisation during 1996-97;

(b) the total financial assistance provided/likely to be provided to India Trade Promotion Organisation during 1997-98;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to reduce this assistance;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the India Trade Promotion Organisation has increased the rate of its service charges; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The Government has provided a grant of Rs. 416.38 lakhs to ITPO from MDA funds during 1996-97 towards reimbursement of deficits incurred by them on organisation of fairs and exhibitions at the specific behest of the Govt. during